STATE OF CONNECTICUT



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SECTION

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To: Local Directors of Health

Chief Sanitarians

Certified Food Inspectors

From: Tracey Weeks, MS, RS; Food Protection Program

Date: August 12, 2008

Subject: Voluntary Recall of Stop & Shop Brand Tuna Salad

Stop & Shop Supermarkets has announced a voluntary recall of Stop & Shop tuna salad sold in pre-packaged 12-ounce containers and tuna salad sold at the deli because it may be contaminated with *Listeria monocytogenes*.

On August 11, 2008 the Food Protection Program received notification from Stop & Shop that they would be removing from sale all 12-ounce pre-packaged Stop & Shop Tuna Salad with a Sell-by-date of August 19, 2008 and tuna salad available at the deli counter with a Sell-by-date between July 28 and August 19, 2008.

Attached is the recall notice released by Stop & Shop and a listing of the locations of all Stop & Shop Supermarkets in Connecticut.

The Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection (DCP) is considering issuing a press release regarding the recall and will be conducting effectiveness checks. The DCP may be contacted at (860) 713-6160 for additional information or follow-up. Consumers are advised not to consume the recalled tuna salad. No cases of illness have been reported.

Consumers who have purchased the affected products should discard any unused portions or return it to Stop & Shop for a refund. Consumer questions should be directed to Robert Keane of Stop & Shop Supermarkets at (617) 771-6023.

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